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"Like silver lamps in a distant shrine,
The stars are sparkling bright;
The bells of the city of God ring out
For the Son of Mary is born to-night.
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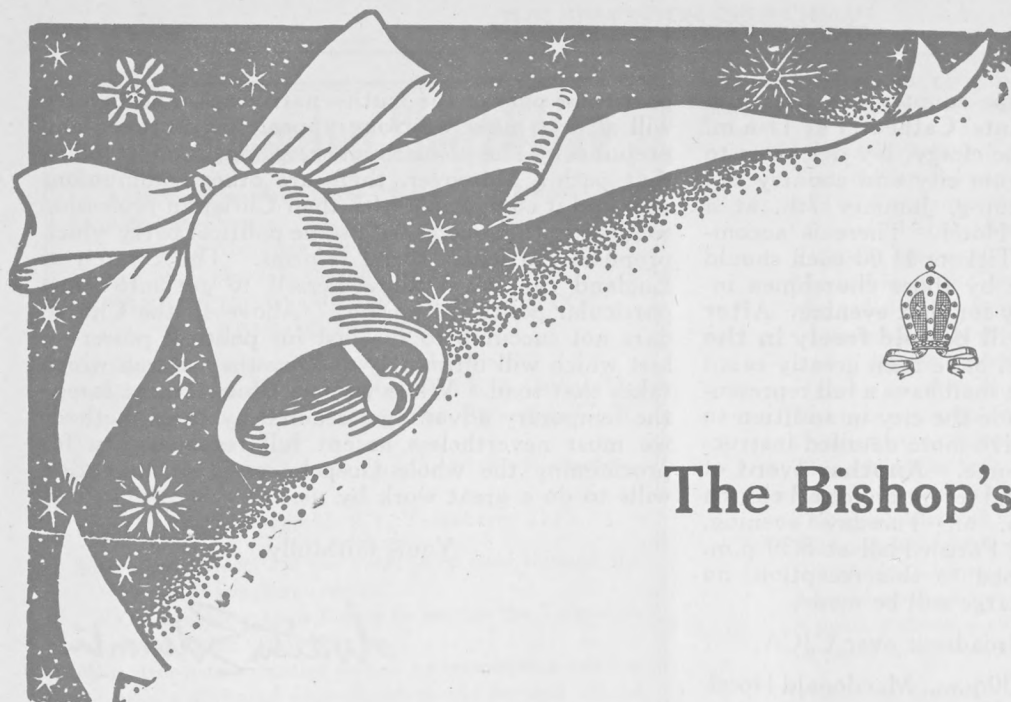
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The Bishop's Page

My dear People:

My letter this month is mainly about

- (a) Christmas;
- (b) The Primate's Visit at Epiphany-tide;
- (c) Miscellaneous matters.

The Christmas CHURCHMAN will reach you well before the Great Feast. This is as it should be. For any great event to be rightly celebrated careful preparation is necessary. The business houses are working overtime these days in order to be ready for the Christmas rush. While we usually expect "the children of this world to be wiser than the children of light" this saying of our Lord must not be so interpreted as to make "folly" a Christian virtue. Strange is it not that the Saviour of the world often has to take second place to the Santa Claus of the business world at His Own birthday celebrations? Lest I be misunderstood, let me add that this cannot be taken as a criticism of the business world—by no means. It is, on the contrary, an indication of something wrong with the Christian Church. Christmas is our proper business. It is our duty to proclaim the Christmas tidings above the babel of business, not in competition with it but on a different note.

It is pertinent to observe that the Shepherds, who were the first to hear the Angel's song, had to go to work on Christmas Eve, as many men and women in the diocese will have to do. But there in the middle of their job the glorious news came to them. So it is that in the clamour and din of business—so

different from the quiet night-watch of the shepherds—the news can come home to all of us, if we will have it so.

The tremendous meaning of Christmas may seem to be ignored in our modern life, may even seem to be despised, no room for it in the inns of modern life. There is nothing strange about that. Recall the fact that it is the birthday of the Jesus Who was, so far as any men of His day could have seen, completely defeated by the world, scourged, mocked, forsaken even by his intimate followers, nailed to a Cross till He died. And it is only because despite all this we believe Him to be God that we keep His birthday. It is the same today as it ever was. A good many wars and a very great deal of cruelty have happened during these two thousand years of Christendom, but the angels still sing and if we are wise we shall listen at our jobs as the shepherds listened at theirs. Then when we have heard we shall, if we are wise, by our arguments and our work and our prayers win a way for the news into the hearts of men. We still have the secret which alone can save the world. We must not keep it to ourselves.

I wish that God may give you all a happy Christmas.

Soon after Christmas—January 6th—we are celebrating Epiphany in a very special way. It is to be our happy privilege to welcome the Primate of our Church to the diocese for four full days. This is indeed a rare occasion and I mean to try my best to make the most of it. First of all I want as many of my people as possible to meet him and to hear him.



On Sunday the people in the country can hear him over the radio from All Saints' Cathedral at 11 a.m. (January 6th—CJCA). The clergy, lay delegates to Synod and other laymen from city and country can hear him on Monday evening, January 7th, at a dinner in the Macdonald Hotel. There is accommodation for 400 guests. Tickets \$1.00 each should be bought well in advance by those churchmen intending to come to the city for that evening. **After December 20th tickets will be sold freely in the city.** Restrictions on travel have been greatly eased and I sincerely hope that we shall have a full representation of laymen from outside the city in addition to lay delegates who will receive more detailed instructions regarding the programme. **Another event** of importance will be the general reception for **all** church people, men and women, on Tuesday evening, January 8th, in All Saints' Parish Hall at 8.30 p.m. Everybody will be welcomed to this reception, no tickets necessary and no charge will be made.

Sunday: 11 a.m., Broadcast over CJCA.

Monday: Dinner, 6.30 p.m., Macdonald Hotel, tickets, \$1.00.

Tuesday: Reception, All Saints' Parish Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Details of the rest of the programme for the four days will be sent to clergy and lay delegates to Synod. May God in His Wisdom and His Grace help us to catch the spirit of Epiphany in and through these celebrations.

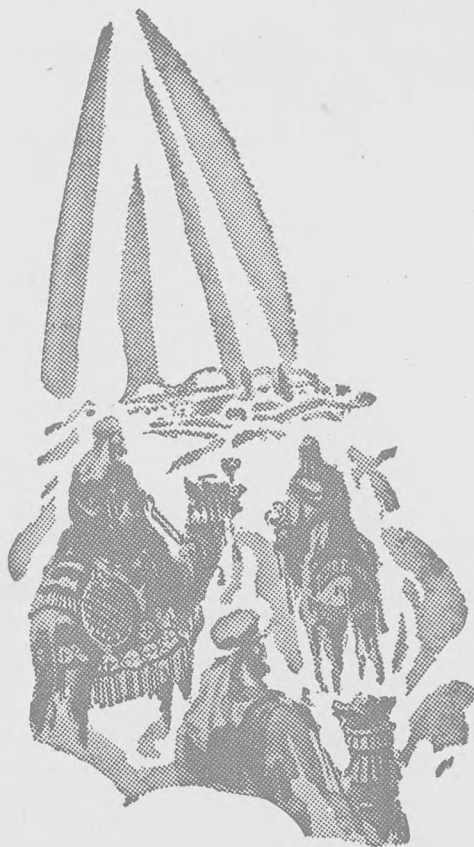
This is the day of opportunity for the Church. The Christian basis of national life is being challenged by "Secularism." That is to say, by those who take the view that what is wrong with the world can be made right by purely political, social and economic reorganization. Much time and thought and energy are being put into secular schemes for rebuilding the world. But if the world is to be rebuilt on sure foundations God must not be forgotten this time. If God is not to be forgotten in the world, the work of the Church of God must not be forgotten. But the Church cannot play her part in the National life if she is crippled by lack of equipment and manpower. Opportunities can only be taken if the means are at hand for the work. The means will be provided when churchmen give themselves anew to God's service and by personal self-sacrifice make it possible for His work to go forward.

It is sometimes objected that other Christian bodies are more aggressive than the Church. There is something in the objection. But I should like to point out that the Church which preaches the full Gospel of Christ will never have the force of those groups who distort the Gospel by emphasizing one

particular part of the truth—narrowness and bigotry will always make a strong appeal to ignorance and prejudice. The Church of England cannot follow that path. Moreover, there are other communions who find it compatible with their Christian profession to identify themselves with some political party which promises particular social reforms. The Church of England can never allow herself to get into some particular political "pocket." Above all the Church dare not succumb to the lust for political power—a lust which will ultimately destroy the Church which takes that road. While we as a Church must forego the temporary advantages secured by these methods we must nevertheless accept full responsibility for proclaiming the whole Gospel, confident that God wills to do a great work by us.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Schurman



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Editorial

Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will

At this time of the year the eyes of men and women in every land are turned to the little land of Judea, and we shall listen again with expectancy to all the romance and beauty of the Christmas story. There is no season quite like this season, and year by year we sing the great Christmas hymns and carols which tell of the birth of the Christ-Child, the Saviour of the World, in a Bethlehem stable.

Christmas is a festival of the home, and most people like to spend the day in their own home, among their own folk. For the past six Christmases, when the world was at war, there were empty places in many homes, and many a toast to loved ones far away. War never seems quite so wrong as it does on Christmas Day, as we sing "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men." In our hearts we know that God's gift at Christmastide is the answer to war, if only men would heed the Angels' song.

In the year 1863 when the American Civil War was at its climax, the poet Longfellow heard the church bells ringing on Christmas Day. They seemed to be saying, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men," but all around seemed to shout discord and unrest in contradiction of the bells. Longfellow felt that some-

how the message of those bells would eventually prevail, and he penned his thoughts in the poem:

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
And in despair I bowed my head;
'There is no peace on earth,' I said,
'For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.'
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!'
'Til, ringing, singing on its way
A world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Christmas is essentially a religious festival, and has little meaning unless it takes us back to that first Christmas night when God came down to earth in the guise of a little babe, born in the humblest of circumstances, but destined to be the Saviour of mankind. It was the event of the ages, and the song of the Angels on that night, "Glory to God in the Highest!" is the true note of the spirit of Christmas for all time. When all men everywhere can so, forget their own selfish dreams, and sing "Glory to God in the Highest" they will become, in truth, "men of good will."

May the Spirit of Love which is abroad in our world at this season find a place in the hearts of each one of us.

Our First Year

THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN can now look back upon its first complete year of publication. It was begun with the idea of meeting what was felt to be a great need throughout our Church, the dissemination of Church news and interesting Christian articles to as many Anglican families as could be found in this Diocese. Each month more than five thousand copies of this magazine are mailed to Anglican homes, and we have reason to believe that a great many look forward each month to receiving their copy.

To all who have made any contribution to the success of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN we send our grateful thanks, and the hope that their interest will continue and grow. Suggestions and contributions will always be most welcome, and will receive our most careful consideration. To our advertisers we say "Thank you," and express the hope that they will receive the patronage from our readers that they deserve.

To all our readers we send our warmest Christmas greetings, and every Good Wish for Happiness in the coming year.



DIOCESAN NEWS



CALENDAR DECEMBER, 1945

- 2—1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
- 9—2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
- 16—3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
- 21—St. Thomas, A. and M.
- 23—4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
- 24—Christmas Eve.
- 25—CHRISTMAS DAY.
- 26—St. Stephen, Martyr.
- 27—St. John, A. and E.
- 28—Innocents' Day.
- 30—SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Installation of the Dean of Edmonton

An impressive service was held in the Cathedral on Sunday evening, November 4th, when the first Dean of Edmonton was installed by the Bishop. The Cathedral was crowded with parishioners and others. The Chancellor, the Honourable Mr. Justice Frank Ford, read the Commission, the Reverend H. G. Brant carried the Pastoral Staff as Bishop's Chaplain.

In the course of his address the Bishop outlined the place of the Cathedral in the life of the diocese. "It is expected to be the spiritual centre of the diocese; the focus of the interests and welfare of all the parishes; not the voice of this or that particular preacher but the voice of the Church; it is the place in which the work of every parish priest should be known and appreciated and to which the clergy and people of the diocese may come, as to their home, for encouragement and refreshment. It is intended to be a model for the diocese in the beauty and dignity of its services of worship. To these ideals God is calling All Saints' Cathedral."

Induction of the Reverend William John Brant



THE REV. W. J. BRANT

The Bishop inducted the Rev. W. J. Brant into the incumbency of Clandonald with Landonville and Irwinville, on Monday evening, November 26th. The Reverend F. A. Peake, Vicar of Onoway, and formerly of Clandonald, preached the induction sermon. The Venerable W. Leversedge, Archdeacon of Edmonton North, accompanied the Bishop and read the Letters of Orders.

Miss Onions Returns

Miss Barbara Onions is returning to do the work at Drayton Valley for the winter. The whole Diocese will rejoice to hear this news. The long, efficient and faithful service which Miss Onions gave to the work at Onoway will never be forgotten. Under present arrangements the tenure of Drayton Valley is limited but it is our earnest hope that when back in the climate and fellowship of the diocese Miss Onions will stay for a long time.

As yet we have no nurse to take over Miss Higgs' work. A nurse with the proper qualifications is urgently needed.

Bible Quizz

1. Where did Jesus' parents live?
2. Where was Jesus born?
3. To what people did the heavenly angels' message of Jesus' birth first come?
4. What were the words of the message?
5. Where did the shepherds find Jesus?
6. Who said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace," when he saw the baby Jesus?
7. What day celebrates the visit of the Wise Men?
8. How many Wise Men were there?
9. How were they led to Bethlehem?
10. What gifts did they bring to the newborn King?

(Answers on page 14)

If We Can Kneel

If we can kneel as did those men of old,
Who laid their frankincense and myrrh and gold
Before the Christ-Child's feet;
If we can bring our gift, a grateful heart,
Where unkind thoughts and envy have no part,
And Love dwells, true and deep;
Then in Christ's Birthday we may fully share,
And feel His presence with us, everywhere.

Sunday School by Post

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am glad to have this opportunity of writing to you in our Church magazine. First of all to parents: I would like to ask you to give your girls and boys every encouragement to study their Sunday School lessons and send the answers into me to correct and mark. A great deal depends on you. Some families have sent their lessons in every month for ten or twelve years without missing a lesson.

There are over 2,000 girls and boys enrolled in the Sunday School by Post. 182 new members were added this year. We would like to see more writing the G.B.R.E. examinations. Although only fifteen wrote in May, the letter I received from the D.B.R.E. was as follows: "The results of the exams. are very good and are worthy of most high praise."

Vernon Dixon of Peavine was awarded a Dominion prize on the Senior course, a tie with another member in Rupert's Land. We hope Vernon will enjoy reading the beautiful books he received and reap benefit from them.

Four other members were awarded Diocesan prizes—Jim Kent of Marwayne, Fred and Ruth Christopher, also of Marwayne, and Doris Risdale of Borradaile. We know how hard they all worked to obtain these rewards.

Jeanette Heffren of Ribstone, a faithful member of the S.S.B.P., wrote on one of the Teacher Training courses, the "Life of Christ," and received a certificate and also a diploma, with five other pupils, Una Lang, Irene Spriggs, Barbara Bowen, Shirley Bowman and Malcolm Kent, for having certificates in the Junior, Senior and Advanced Graded Lessons.

We are very pleased to hear of Leo Thurston of Irma, a former faithful pupil, who is in training for the ministry. We hope there will be others who will offer themselves in service for Christ and His Church. How proud parents should feel when their sons and daughters are called to take up such work and are willing to respond to Christ, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Religious education must begin in the home, and our young people must see that God means something to their parents.

During the summer almost 3,000 miles was travelled by car, visiting the homes of old and new pupils, preparing candidates for confirmation, and giving instruction on the Christian Faith.

In writing I want to express my sincere gratitude to all those who give me

hospitality and such welcome which adds to the joy and pleasure of the work. One mother said when I was leaving, "You are always welcome to stay as long as you like."

During my seventeen years in the Diocese I have made many friends and I send greetings to you all, especially those I do not see very often, my love and God bless you and your families.

Your affectionate friend,

LILLIAN CAMP.

Hostess for Elizabeth House Bazaar



MRS. W. F. BARFOOT
who is lending her home for the Elizabeth House Tea and Bazaar.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 12th, beginning at 3 and continuing on through the evening there will be a bazaar and tea at See House in aid of Elizabeth House. The president of the newly organized Elizabeth House Guild, Mrs. George Mowat, and Mrs. W. F. Barfoot, will receive the guests.

Since Elizabeth House is a diocesan undertaking contributions to this bazaar are sought from everyone. Please see that your donations are at See House as soon as possible, a day in advance if possible.

Mrs. R. Spilsted is the convenor of this second annual Elizabeth House bazaar.

The Missionary Conference

Those who attended the Missionary Conference held in McDougall Church from November 7th to 11th were greatly rewarded. Representatives from many countries told the story of their life and work and how Christ set men free from the cruel bondage of fear, superstition and sin. Your reporter was only able to attend the evening meetings. The attendance was impressive. From about 500 on the opening night the attendance grew steadily to about 1,500 on Sunday afternoon. This in itself was eloquent testimony to the worth of the conference. Another convincing witness was the collection. The open collection amounted to something over \$900 and missionary pledges to be paid during the year totalled considerably more than \$6,000. The open collections are to be divided between Orphaned Missions, The British and Foreign Bible Society and the rebuilding of the bombed churches of Europe.

In general, the Conference proved the unique value of Christian Missions in non-Christian lands; it gave a vivid impression of the worldwide Christian Church at work; it challenged all who attended to a life of Christian service.

Outstanding Addresses

Two addresses stand out in bold relief: one by Doctor Karefa-Smart, the other by Canon Dixon, our own General Secretary of M.S.C.C. As an Anglican I felt proud. Dr. Karefa-Smart is an African who has taken his medical degree at McGill University. He was educated in a C.M.S. college in Sierra Leone. In dramatic form and language he pictured our Lord pointing to Africa, saying: go and heal the sick; go and preach the Gospel; go and teach the children; go and make disciples. All who heard him must have felt the challenge.

Canon Dixon on Sunday afternoon gave an address to the large congregation which will long be remembered. He gathered his address around four words—**opportunity, responsibility, self-examination, dedication.** The Christian Church must honestly face the task of its world-wide mission in the light of these four challenging words.

Canon Dixon broadcast from St. Faith's on Sunday morning, November 11th, and preached at Evensong in Holy Trinity Church.

Conference Week was a memorable one for all who actively shared in it.

The Mission House Becomes Elizabeth House



The Mission House will shortly be handed over to a board of directors for use as Elizabeth House. The agreement is being prepared by Mr. Neville R. Lindsay, K.C., Registrar of the Diocese. Plans for the remodelling and repair of the building have been prepared by Mr. J. Martland. It is expected that work will commence within a week or so and that the building will be ready for use by early spring.

The Board of Directors will consist of eight members, two appointed by the Executive Committee of the Diocese, five by Elizabeth House Guild and the Sister-in-charge. The Guild members appointed are: Mrs. George Mowatt, Mrs. Philip L. Debney, Mrs. R. C. Marshall, Mrs. W. F. Barfoot, Mrs. H. Philip Baker. The Bishop and the Dean are acting for the Executive Committee pending a meeting of the Committee.

Elizabeth House Guild

The Guild is an organized group of women whose purpose is to provide assistance to the Board of Directors and the Sisters of St. John the Divine in respect of the property and its maintenance. The officers of the Guild are: President, Mrs. G. Mowatt, 1st Vice-President, Mrs. P. L. Debney, 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. T. A. Lawrence; Treasurer, Mrs. P. Baker; Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Weir.

Committee Conveners are: Finance, Mrs. R. C. Marshall; Membership, Mrs. H. Tye; Ways and Means, Mrs. R. Spilsted; Furnishing, and Grounds—to be appointed.

The Mission House has occupied a central place in the history and work of the Diocese. Now that it is to be put to new use it is right that its history should be recalled and recorded. The Venerable W. Leversedge has written the following notes:

"Following a visit to the area lying principally west of the City of Edmonton, by the Reverend W. G. Boyd, one of the chaplains of the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the summer of 1908, a group of clergy and lay helpers under the leadership of Mr. Boyd arrived in Edmonton in May, 1909, to undertake the responsibility of carrying the ministrations of the Church to the settlers and to the thousands of men working on the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the Canadian Northern Railways. Previous to their coming this area had been ministered to by one priest with headquarters at Onoway, and one lay reader living at Wabamun. Temporarily they lived together in a house situated on Cliff Street, Edmonton, until such time as more suitable premises could be built. In due course they built and occupied the buildings on 117th Avenue and 93rd St., still known as 'The Mission House.' To this centre the various members of the group returned at stated intervals for rest, fellowship, consultation and principally for spiritual refreshment. Each re-union included a Quiet Day which was held in the beautiful chapel of the House, under the leadership of the 'Head', or some other member of the group. There in the quiet of that holy room they sought and gained the strength and grace to return once more

to their appointed spheres, and to carry out their exacting tasks.

Those of us who were privileged to share in one of those days found an atmosphere of Christian brotherhood, quiet but radiant faith, and fervent zeal, and we, too, were conscious of few visions and a renewing of zeal.

In due course the respective members of the mission staff returned to the Motherland, each having made his contribution to the upbuilding of the Christian Church in the area assigned to him.

Later, for a period, the house was under the care of Archdeacon Burgett, and as far as possible made to serve such part or parts of the original purpose as was possible. From time to time the tradition of the Quiet Days was preserved, to the enrichment of those who were able to be present.

For some time past the Sisters of St. John have carried on their devotions in the chapel and now are taking charge of the building and putting it to new purposes. Those who know of their work will rest assured that the traditions of the house will be preserved and that the new worshippers will find the chapel a place of healing and strength, verily that it is none other than the House of God and the gate of Heaven."

The Dean and Archdeacon Tackaberry

The Dean of Edmonton and Archdeacon Tackaberry have left for Toronto to attend meetings of the Executive Council and The Anglican Advance Appeal Committee. The Bishop found it impossible to attend on account of engagements of long standing in the diocese, which could not readily be postponed.

These meetings are of special importance because final decisions will be made on all points relating to the Anglican Advance Movement. At the last Synod we approved the appeal and unanimously pledged our support. Since then the Executive Committee has accepted our share in the financial appeal and discussed the matter fully with Dean Waterman, the Organizing Secretary. There are some dioceses, however, in which problems have been raised which make further discussions necessary. When unanimity has been achieved we shall be ready to go forward as one Church.



Why the Chimes Rang

A Christmas Story



MANY years ago, in a country far away, there stood a wonderful immense Church, set on a high hill, with a great stone tower so tall that on cloudy days its top could not be seen. But the strangest thing about this Church was the chimes in the very top of the tower, and they were said to be the most beautiful chimes in the world. Whether this was because they had been made by a great musician, or because they were up so high where the air was purest, no one could tell.

But the strange thing about these chimes was that they had never been heard to ring for many long years. There was an old man in the valley who said that his mother had told him of hearing them when she was a little girl, and that was on a Christmas morning, for they were Christmas chimes, and if they were to be heard at all, it was on Christmas Day. It was a custom on Christmas Eve for everyone in the country around to bring their gifts to the Christ-Child, and when the greatest and best gift, the gift of real love, was laid upon the altar, then the bells were supposed to ring. Some said it was the wind that rang them; others that the angels set them sounding. However, those bells hadn't been heard for years. Perhaps it was because the people had grown careless of their gifts, so that none were good enough. Whatever the reason, the people had begun to vie with each other to see who could bring the gift that would ring the chimes, and that meant that none of them gave their gifts in the right spirit. So the bells were never heard.

Now, in a little village near the Church, lived Pedro and his little brother. They knew little about the chimes, but they knew of the great service that was held every Christmas Eve, when the Christ-Child came down to bless the service, and they always hoped they might be able to go. But they were very poor, and had no gift that they could bring.

But at last they made up their minds to go, for they had somehow got a silver coin that they thought might please the Christ-Child. So the day before Christmas they set out.

It was a bitterly cold day, and the snow was falling thick and fast as they walked along the path. It was hard walking for

the two little lads, and it was night-time before they reached the gates of the city where the great Church stood. They were about to go in when they saw something dark in the snow near the gates. They went over and looked, and found it was a poor woman who had fallen on her way to the Church. She was so cold and tired that she had fallen asleep there in the snow. Pedro tried to rouse her. He rubbed snow on her face so to wake her up, but to no avail. He turned to little brother and said, "You'll have to go on alone."

"But aren't you coming?" said little brother.

"No," replied Pedro, "somehow she looks like the Madonna. You must go on to the Church, and when the service is over, bring someone back to help us. One of us must miss the service now, so you must hear and see everything twice for me. The Christ-Child will surely understand. And while you are there, try to slip up to the altar and put on this silver piece."

It was hard for Pedro. After looking forward so long to the Christmas Eve service, it was hard to be left behind. But little brother had to go on alone.

He drew near the Church, and the light shining through the windows looked beautiful. He could hear the music as he climbed the hill, and as he crept in the great door, a wonderful sight met his eyes, for the people had just begun their procession to the altar with their gifts. The people were all looking expectantly as each gift was put upon the altar. The rich men and the great men were there. There was a rich man with a bag of gold greater than anyone had seen before. There was a moment of silence as he placed his gift on the altar; everyone waited for the chimes, but there was no sound. A very wise man brought up a great book bound in silver and gold, a book into which he had put all his learning, but the chimes were silent. The greatest lady in the land took off all her jewels and placed them on the altar, but still there was no sound. At the very last the King took off his crown and offered that on the altar. And everyone said, "Surely the chimes will ring now; no king has ever done that before." But all that was heard

was the wind moaning in the tower. And some said this was only a fairy story about the chimes, and there weren't any bells in the tower at all.

So the choir began the closing hymn. Suddenly the bishop put up his hand, and the music stopped. Then far away, but clear and sweet, like music from heaven, came the sound of the chimes. The eyes of all the people turned to the altar to see what gift had at last made the chimes ring. And those that were nearest saw the shadow of Little Brother who had crept silently to the altar and put on it all that he and Pedro had, their little silver piece, their gift of love.

Obituary

MARGARET LORRAINE DIXON

Her many friends in the Onoway Mission and throughout the Diocese will have learned with profound sorrow of the passing of Peggy Dixon after a valiant but unavailing struggle.

It is an eloquent tribute to her memory that the Onoway Wolf Cub Pack was never more successful than during the last year under her leadership. Peggy had also been looking after the Sunday School at St. John's, Onoway, and had looked forward to embarking next year upon a course of training at Deaconess House, Toronto, in preparation for full time Church work.

In a wider sphere Miss Dixon was known to many through the Young People's Camps at Kapasiwin where her qualities of leadership won her the love and high regard of all with whom she came into contact.

Her passing at the age of nineteen, after two months of suffering nobly borne, is not only a tragic loss to our parish staff, but leaves an irreparable blank in the hearts and minds of all who knew her.

The ways of God are not the ways of men, and they are impossible to fathom yet we praise and magnify His Holy Name for the life and witness of His faithful soldier and servant, Margaret Dixon.

"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch them."

A Requiem Eucharist was sung in Onoway parish church on November 4th.



Woman's Auxiliary



Greetings

The President and members of the Executive extend loving Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for a Happy New Year to the presidents, officers and members of every branch in the Diocese.

Educational

The slides on the book "More Than Conquerors" will be available between November 15th and February 28th, 1946. Applications for these should be sent early to Mrs. R. Horne, 11521 97th Street.

Mrs. Horne reports there has been a record sale of M.S.C.C. calendars throughout the Diocese.

Notice to Branch Presidents

The Evening Board Meeting originally set for November 23rd will be held on Friday evening, December 7th, in All Saints', beginning at 8 p.m.

At a recent special meeting of the Executive the dates for the Diocesan W.A. Annual Meeting were set for February 26th, 27th and 28th, 1946.

The Budget

The Dominion W.A. Board uses the budget system of financing, just as M.S.C.C. does. This means that the needs and opportunities of the various pieces of missionary responsibility undertaken by our Church are estimated and the amounts submitted to each diocesan board. Such board in session at its annual meeting decides to accept or refuse the increase asked. This will happen at our Annual early in 1946. By this method each branch, if it will only send at least one delegate, may share in the decision. Our Diocesan Board fortunately Does Not have to ask any branch to give a definite amount of pledge. It does try to put the needs before the branches. The result of this has been not only a generous response in increased pledge by many branches, but a new and vital interest in the world-wide work of the Church.

On the Frontier

Three days' sleeping under the stars in a wagon or sleigh takes the missionary worker from the railway to Wabasca Indian Residential School.

What faces the worker when she arrives? One matron supervises the preparation of just about 150 meals a day, for there are nearly 50 pupils in residence. That entails teaching, too—teaching the older girls to do the daily baking for such a hungry

Report of Holy Trinity W.A. Active Service Group

Knitted supplies for men and women of our Church from September 23rd, 1939:

1414 pairs socks, 136 sweaters, 33 scarves, 69 pairs women's wool gloves, 3 pairs men's wool gloves, 1 helmet, 19 pairs women's stockings (purchased) and 8 dozen handkerchiefs for women (purchased).

1,507 parcels were mailed to uniformed men and women of the Church from 1939 to September, 1945.

Donations received for supplies and postage, Sept., 1939 to Sept., 1945, \$1,692.07.

Donation: Russian Fund, 1943

1 flannelette quilt, 1 afghan, 1 scarf, 1 pair golf socks (boys), 2 sweaters and toques (boys), 4 sets children's pyjamas.

Navy Mothers' League, Wool 1939 to 1945

55 pairs socks, 36 sweaters, 21 helmets, 7 66-inch scarves, 9 tuck-ins, and 21 pairs mitts.

7 Ditty Bags filled, each contained: 1 pair socks, playing cards, comb, shaving soap, toothbrush and paste, towel, face cloth and soap, tin of cocoa, shoe laces and polish, razor blades, Oxo, cigarettes and 2 handkerchiefs.

Red Cross—1939 to 1945

209 pairs socks, 130 sweaters (sleeveless), 11 sweaters (long sleeve), 199

women's wool gloves, 56 men's mitts and gloves, 4 helmets, 12 pairs wristlets, 1 pair woman's stockings, 5 children's sweaters (8-yr.), 5 pairs socks (8-yr.), 2 pairs children's mitts.

Sewing—Red Cross Supplies

157 sheets (hemmed), 111 pillow cases (hemmed), 56 sets men's pyjamas, 11 hospital nightshirts (men's), 13 women's flannelette nightgowns, 73 2-year sleepers, 150 baby diapers, 47 girls' dresses, 5 girls' smocks, 4 girls' blouses, 11 sets boys' pyjamas, 12 children's nightgowns, 9 baby nighties, 5 gertrudes, 2 baby jackets, 2 binders, 1 2-yr. coat, 40 quilts (donated), 2 tweed coats (donated), 888 bandages, rolled, 72 triangular bandages (hemmed), 1 pair blankets (\$4.00, donated), 40 lbs. honey (\$5.00, donated).

Mine Sweepers League—Montreal 1941 to 1945

39 pairs socks (18 inches), 44 pairs sea-boat stockings (31-inch), 1 scarf, 2 pairs mitts, 15 pairs wristlets, 4 wool quilts.

\$10.00 donated to funds.

Collected: 161½ lbs. fur, leather and velour for vests. 69-lb. bale for Mine Sweeper families—1943. 1 leather wind-breaker, 2 ski suits, 1 leather coat, 3 women's skirts, 1 woman's short coat, 2 children's sweaters and skirts, 1 knitted cap, 3 pairs children's mitts, 2 pairs children's stockings, 2 flannelette quilts.

MARY E. MAY, Convener.

family of growing children, to prepare and cook vegetables and porridge and puddings; to help prepare the fish and wild meat; to wash dishes; to set tables; to do the thousand-and-one things that every one of us who is a home-maker has to do—only to do it twelve times over.

The other matron—there have been only two all Fall—has supervision of the dormitories, the beds and the bedding, the laundry, the mending, the makeovers. Try to imagine the number of buttons that have to be replaced each week or the holes and rents to be mended. Would we have patience to teach Mary or John to use the needle or the wash-board! It would be a fine lesson in discipline for each one of us if we could have just one such day's responsibility of Christian patience.

In a recent letter Dr. Alderwood writes the following: "Wabasca, no teacher since

Fall and nearly 50 pupils. Our best chance in years and we are losing it. No kitchen matron either, and Mrs. Calrow at the end of her tether." This suggests to us the need for constant intercession.

Prayer For Recruits

"Grant, O Lord, of the Harvest, that a greater number of our young men and women with the gifts of preaching, teaching and healing may be filled with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth; give them grace to dedicate their lives to Thy service, and this we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen."

Will branch presidents please use the above prayer, at least, at each meeting?

The Treasurer's Books Close

The Treasurer's books must be closed this year not later than December 31st. Will all branches see that their pledges and affiliation fees are sent to her before that date.



Christmas Gifts



By the REV. W. W. BUXTON

CHRISTMAS Day means many things to many men. As we think back upon past Christmas seasons certain things are uppermost in our minds. As we look forward we anticipate some of the coming Christmas events with more pleasure than others.

To some, Christmas means a day when the seals are broken on the bottles of spirits gathered for the occasion. To some, it means turkey, to others a Christmas tree and bright decorations. To a few it may merely mean a public holiday. Some of us will think of it as the birthday of our Lord and attempt to treat the day as such. Perhaps to many Christmas Day is not any one of these things but a combination of them all, and the way in which we as individuals bind them together will depend upon our faith, our homes, our friends, our locality (near or far from home), our children and other loved ones, our employment and other like things.

As I read the newspapers I notice another thing which Christmas means to the public. Each edition carries a small sign which reads, "so many more shopping days until Christmas." The radio is pouring like information into my ears—the advertising in the store windows reminds me of the same thing, and in my turn I am caught up in the dizzy swirl of events—crowded shops, rushing people, coloured tissue paper, stickers, stamps, post offices, Christmas cards—until I have to fight a feeling of distaste and abhorrence against this great day which subjects me to these many things. My good nature is not helped by the fact that ninety-nine of the hundred Christmas cards I look at, with the idea of giving them to others, have no bearing upon a Christian Christmas, but are rather pretty little winter scenes with poems, which are as far out of keeping with Christmas (Christ-Mass) as they possibly can be. However, I must smile and admit a truth, Christmas gifts are important. I like to give and I like to receive, so do you, and so we are commercially encouraged to the limit.

How did all this happen? Was it ever thus? Let's have a look.

The first real Christmas Gift was given nearly two thousand years ago. It was a gift presented to the world by Almighty

God. It was a true gift, for it was given in the spirit of love, as all our gifts should be. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Next there were the gifts of the Wise Men who responded to this pure priceless gift of God by presenting their select gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

So we see that Christmas gifts are indeed important. Because of the first Christmas Gift we have faith and hope and love alive in the midst of a groaning world. Perhaps, however, through the passing of time we lost the knowledge of our great possessions which we should be giving at this time. In the store house of our Christian life we should be able to find gifts for all. Here are a few gifts addressed:

To my enemy: To my enemy I should give forgiveness. As I choose the wrapping I must be careful it is not the one which will wrap up forgiveness in hate of any shade. As I pick the ribbon I must be sure it is strong enough to hold the parcel together or disaster will surely result. I must address this parcel well or it may be lost. If I fail to deliver forgiveness I will never be able to deliver any other good thing in this direction—many dire results will follow. I know them and you know them too.

To my opponent: To my opponent I must give Tolerance. True, we do not see "eye to eye" in some things, be they religious, political, economical or some thing else, but I know that tolerance must be my gift if any sort of co-operation is to result and that co-operation is necessary if we are ever to settle our differences. We believe in God as man's final and common goal—this gift is a necessary starting place before the other necessary steps can be taken.

To my friend: To my friend I must give helpfulness. I like my friend because of many things, if these things are good I must try to help him. I like my friend in spite of certain things, if these things are not good, I must help him overcome them. The more people we can send this gift to the better. I must help and not

hinder my friend in all such good works as he is attempting to accomplish.

To my child: To my child I must give a Godly example. My theory can help only so far. My dreams for my children are great and high, and if ever they are to come about, I must give them such an example that will lead them into a proper understanding and appreciation of life as God has meant it to be. There are two methods: "the come method," which says, "Come follow me in the right path;" "the Go method," which says, "Go, walk in the right path." A child will follow a good example to heights where it can never be chased.

To my mother: To my mother, I must give Christian conduct; that is love and understanding and sympathy and helpfulness, in fact all the things that some day I may desire from a child of mine.

To my father: To my father, I must give honour. The honour which a man deserves, who in my youth gave such good gifts to me that I am now equipped for life. Need I add that we who are fathers should attempt to be worthy of this gift.

To myself: To myself I must give respect. Before I give a gift I must first secure it. To secure this gift for myself I must conduct my life upon a certain standard. Christ made that standard. How pitiful is man when he cannot make this gift.

To all men: To all men I must give love. Love born of understanding and a desire to treat man as God's highest creation. "As ye sow so shall ye reap." With what measure you give so shall it be measured unto you again. Man can take no more from life in the midst of his fellowman than the amount he chooses to place into it. I do not refer to the "\$" sign.

To God: To God I must give my soul. As I make this gift I understand Christmas and the Christmas Gift. I know now why God made that great first Christmas gift to the world. I realize how we have become entangled in the modern net, the present conception of Christmas. Gifts, but also I realize how by giving Christian Christmas gifts I will be able to experience real Christmas Peace and Gladness. These things were made known to us through our Lord Jesus Christ—the Christmas Gift of God to the world.

The Church of England in Western Canada

By REV. T. C. B. BOON, B.A.

VIII

Bishop Mountain reached St. Peter's Mission (Dynevour) on the morning of June 23rd, 1884. Coming out of the wilderness, he suddenly found himself in the middle of civilization again. Mr. Smithurst was waiting for him at the door of his house, his native parishioners gathering around him; the children coming with their books in their hands, all decently clothed from head to foot, and the Bishop noticed a repose and steadiness in deportment of the people, which seemed to indicate a high and controlling influence upon their characters and hearts. Nor did he find it displeasing to hear one of his voyageurs remark to another, "There are your Christian Indians; it would be very well if all the whites were as good as they are."

Everyone then proceeded to the church, where there was a congregation of 250, and the Bishop was greatly impressed with the natives' demeanor and bearing, which could not have been more reverential and solemn. The service was in English, the Lessons being translated into Cree by an interpreter. The Bishop was rather struck by the hybrid nature of the natives' costumes, and comments in his journal upon the universal wearing of moccasins in the Colony. But these Indians were, indeed, a contrast to those whom he had met during his journey. Though physically a fine race of people, they had presented to him a most degrading picture of humanity with their dirty blankets, or dirtier dresses of worn and tattered hareskins.

Bishop Mountain was received everywhere in the Colony with enthusiasm. Churches were overflowing with officials and employees of the great Company, with hardy Scotch settlers and crowds of native men, women and children. "No prince ever received, in the name of his sovereign, a more stirring welcome than did the Bishop of Quebec on his visit to the Red River in the name of the Lord." During his stay of less than three weeks, Bishop Mountain held five Confirmation Services and confirmed 846 candidates. At the morning service at St. Andrew's, 192 women and girls were presented, and in the evening, 150 men and boys. At Middlechurch (St. Paul's), and at the

Upper Church (St. John's), there were 150 candidates presented at each service. Finally, at St. Peter's, he confirmed 204 native converts, and remarks in his journal that altogether there would have been about 1,000 candidates, but for the fact that some had had to go buffalo hunting and others were engaged on the necessary "summer voyages" of the Company. On June 30th he ordained Mr. John McCallum Deacon and the Reverend Abraham Cowley Priest. The latter, long honoured as Archdeacon Cowley, devoted forty-five years of his life to the C.M.S. Missions in Western Canada.

Upon his return to Montreal, Bishop Mountain lost no time in urging the establishment of a permanent bishopric at the Red River, which he was convinced should be the base and centre of a great missionary establishment for Northwest Canada. "The Church," he said, "in the early days of Christianity was planted in new regions by seating at a central point the Bishop with his Cathedral and his College of Presbyters, who ranged the country here and there under his direction. And this, or the nearest approach to this, of which the times are susceptible, is what is wanted now." He pointed out that a visit, such as his, instead of meeting the situation, only served to show in strong relief its real character and the necessity of establishing provision for the exercise of the Episcopal functions. He wrote, strongly and eloquently, emphasizing that a move should be made at once—"An earnest determined move, with the eye of faith turned up to God, the heart lifted in the fervency of prayer, and the hand put to the work without looking back."

If the journey of Bishop Mountain was instrumental in drawing the attention of the Bishops, Clergy and the C.M.S. in England to the necessities and opportunities of the Red River Settlement as a centre of missionary work in Northwestern Canada, it was an impulse of goodwill born in the country itself which finally made the establishment of the proposed bishopric possible. Too little seems to be known about Mr. James Leith, except that he was a partner in both the X.Y. and the Northwest Companies, and at the time of the amalgamation, in 1821, one of the Chief Factors of

the latter who continued in the service of the Hudson Bay Company. Mr. Leith was appointed, with the same rank of Chief Factor, as Chief of the Athapascan Department, then probably one of the most productive of the Company's areas. He died in 1838, and by his will left £12,000 for the propagation of the Protestant Faith amongst the Indians. Unhappily, there was litigation over the will, and the matter was not settled until 1849, when, by a decision of the Master of the Rolls (Lord Langdale) the money was set apart for the endowment of a Bishopric in Rupert's Land. According to Mr. Joseph Hargrave, the judgment was partly based on the fact that the Hudson Bay Company had voluntarily offered to add to the interest from the Leith bequest, of which it was, and is still trustee, the sum of £300 sterling per annum in perpetuity. This insured an income of about £700 a year for the Bishop.

The Diocese of Rupert's Land was set up by Royal Letters Patent under the Great Seal in 1849, and its area made coincident with that drained by all rivers flowing into the Hudson Bay or finding their way to the Arctic Ocean. It extended, therefore, from Labrador on the east, through Northern Ontario and across the prairies to the Rocky Mountains and into the Yukon in the north; and from the U.S.A. boundary (a little indeterminate in places in those days, perhaps) to the northern coastline. This same area is now divided into twelve dioceses. On Whitsunday (May 27th), 1849, a bishop was consecrated in Canterbury Cathedral itself for the first time since the days of Queen Elizabeth. In fact, two bishops were consecrated, and both of them for missions fields of the C.M.S. The Rev. George Smith was consecrated as First Bishop of Victoria (Hong Kong), and the Reverend David Anderson as First Bishop of Rupert's Land

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Message Testing

By REV. DAVID L. GREENE, Emerson, Manitoba

"He was wearing a brown shirt and khaki pants and a gray cap."

"He was wearing a khaki shirt and a brown cap and gray pants."

The Boys' Club members were trying to pass their message carrying test. They were all given the same description of a stranger in town to relay. The results were not satisfactory, for a message is worthless unless it is heard, and delivered with accuracy, clearness and completeness. You may be told that the rectory telephone number is 45,261. If your informant has misplaced a couple of digits and the correct number is 45,216, you will be approximately right when you dial but you may get the city gaol instead of the rectory.

Every Christmas time we hear over the radio and in church many times the Angel's message, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ, the Lord." And the message of the Heavenly choir, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will to men."

These messages are not ours to retain. We are to relay them again and again. Are we always careful to do this faithfully? What messages do Christian Church people pass on to the world by our keeping of Christmas? Is the world, looking on and listening, given to understand that without doubt we are celebrating a great Christian Festival? Or does the trumpet of Christmas festivities give out an uncertain sound? How many of us succeed in passing the message test? Or do we realize that we are undergoing a test?

A message must be delivered accurately. The Angel said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy . . . to all people . . . a Saviour!" What is the message we pass on to our dozens of friends by means of Christmas cards? "Best wishes for a Merry Christmas!" Merry in what sense? In feasting and revelling and exchanging gifts? Judging by the legends and illustrations on a billion cards which congest our mails in December that would seem to be our interpretation of the Angel's message. Most of them bear not the remotest semblance to the original message.

A few purveyors of religious literature, including our General Board of Religious Education, are doing a commendable work in supplying Christmas cards which carry

the Christmas message. Why not use them? I know some good lay persons would hesitate to send cards bearing a Scripture verse lest they should be thought to be setting themselves up as preachers. But why should a Christian be "ashamed of Jesus?" A good Rotarian would not hesitate to put in a word for Rotary, nor would a Women's Institute member shrink from stating her creed. How about trying to pass the message test when selecting your Christmas cards this year?

A message must be heard and delivered clearly. A line of Boy Scouts were asked to relay the following message to each other: "Chief Crookedlegs lost three followers at enemy camp encounter." The last boy in the line brought this version up to the scoutmaster: "Beef cooked with eggs cost three dollars at any big canteen." The Heavenly Choir sang, "Glory to God . . . on earth, peace, good will." Through our defective hearing and imperfect enunciation this message often becomes: "Glory to Santa Claus . . . on earth, strife among men of ill-will."

I would be the last person to rob childhood of Santa Claus but I would also want to make sure that the Christ-Child is not missing. Too often in our Christmas festivities, beginning in the middle of December with Santa Claus parades, pre-eminence is given to this beneficent patron of childhood. Wherever this happens children are given a misrepresentation of the Christmas message, which announced the birth of a Babe at Bethlehem.

This year there is on earth, thank God, official peace amongst nations after six years of total war. It is something for which we may be profoundly grateful as we celebrate the Festival of the Prince of Peace. But he would be a brave and optimistic man who would maintain that there is real peace in the world. What with an increasing number of industrial strikes, the occurrence of near revolution in China, distrust amongst recent Allies, and fears regarding the future possession and use of atomic energy, we are conscious of an ominous undertone to the Christmas paeon of joy. This does not mean that the original Christmas message heralding peace was faulty. Rather it means that along the line of relaying generations we have garbled the message, and missed its full import.

If men and women of the world hope ever to realize the genuine peace which

the Herald Angels foretold they must get their message straight and clear. That peace was proclaimed to come through, and only through, a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord. He alone can change men of ill-will to men of good-will. But men must be willing to be changed. If they persist in disregarding the message, or diluting it, or contorting it into something other or less than it was they will continue to cry "Peace, when there is no peace."

The delightful directness and simplicity of the Christmas Gospel message suffers today not only from people who regard it lightly but also from would-be teachers of religion whose main achievement is to confuse the issue. I met a man on a train last year who claimed to be a pastor of a cult known as "Divine Light." He handed me a booklet which I tried to read and failed to digest. It is as clear as prairie river mud. One of the final sentences in this remarkable pamphlet states: "All that is required of man is that he should harmonize in the Divine Organization which is Eternal." What a poor substitute for the Angel's peace through a Saviour, Christ!

A few days ago I heard about a Jehovah witness who called on Sunday morning at a farm home and kept the farmer from going to church. The witness raced through the Bible reading, explaining selected passages. When at last he paused for breath he asked his host, "Now what do you think?" The patient listener answered, "I think if I ploughed my fields the way you plough the Scriptures I would have an awful mess." Yes, fellow church folks, we must hear and pass on God's messages clearly and correctly.

A message must be complete. The other day I acted as assessor in a telephone message test for a group of Girl Guides. Their message concerned a missing child. Some of the girls forgot to tell me the child's age. Had I been actually helping to find a lost youngster I would not have known whether to look for a five-year-old or a twelve-year-old. So too the Christmas message loses effectiveness if essential elements are omitted. The Angel brought news of great joy. If we interpret correctly, the atmosphere of Christmas will be joyous. It will be a happy time because the news was good—the best news ever published.

It proclaimed that God had given His Son to save men from their sins. Our Christmas festivities must bear witness to this basic feature of the Season, or our

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Anglican Movement Advance Christ's Church

By THE VEN S. F. TACKABERRY

What Are We Out To Do?

Last month we presented the first step in Advance. That was the matter of our personal preparation and equipment.

Let us now summarize what we propose to do as a body. The following is in greater part from an official statement of the committee in charge:

1. Advance in the Frontier Missions within Canada; in Rural Canada; on the prairies, and in the Northland.
2. Advance in Frontier Educational and Hospital Work in Canada among the Indians, Eskimos, and white settlers.
3. Advance in our Overseas Field: The rehabilitation of our war-torn mission fields, and the consolidation of our work in India.
4. Advance in the Church's Educational and Social Service work.
5. Advance in our Care for the Superannuated Clergy and the widows of the clergy.
6. And a share in the Reconstruction of the Christian Churches of England and Europe.

This is an Advance in Spiritual Responsibilities and Opportunities—that the Church might awake and fulfil her Divine Commission.

Message Testing

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telling of the message will be misleading and incomplete. Family reunions, gift giving and feasting on the good things God has provided for our enjoyment are all in keeping with the spirit of Christmas. But we must also keep the Christ-Child in the midst.

We will go to church at Christmas, even as the Angels performed their act of worship when they ascribed Glory to God. Even as the Shepherds after they had looked upon the Babe in the manger, returned home glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard. Those humble men of the flocks made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the Child. Thus they passed the message test. Our own worship will round out or complete the message which year after year we repeat by celebrating Christmas if we really try

To preach the word, to minister the Sacraments, to proclaim the Kingdom, to tend the lambs, to visit the fatherless and the troubled, to heal the sick, to enlighten the darkened and to shoulder more effectively the household responsibilities of the Church (i.e., care of aged servants).

We are thrilled by the prospect of our men and women and young people across Canada filled with that vision and determined that it shall come true—now! We see each congregation becoming, by the renewing Grace of God, an awakened, interested, informed, consecrated, and prayer-tempered instrument in God's hand for the furtherance of His purposes.

In this great purpose clear vision, study, prayer, self-examination in respect of stewardship, and very great effort are all involved and are all tied together. They are part of one whole life of a vigorous and conscientious Church which is trying to do its duty.

Our failures in the past in the face of obvious duty have resulted in the arising of grave problems which now face us. More than that, our failure brings a grave danger of losing much of the great heritage handed to us by our pioneers.

This is without any doubt the hour of destiny in the life of the Church of England in Canada.

to pass the test. And our Christmas will be merry in the best sense of the word because it has included participation in the "Sweet Feast of Love Divine" at the Table of the Lord of Christmas.

"We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around:
Jesus saves!"

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Appeal for Workers

Dr. H. A. Alderwood, Secretary of the Indian and Eskimo Residential School Commission, writes as follows:

S.O.S.

May I again plead for help in time of need? While our staff situation has slowly eased—so that in certain directions we are even having to refuse offers of service—there are a few really urgent needs and specially for teachers!

AKLAVIK

Two teachers needed, or one if we can get one for Chapleau. Miss Neates, now at the latter, will be flown to Aklavik if we can get a substitute for her present class.

WABASCA

No teacher since Fall and nearly fifty pupils. Our best chance in years and we are losing it. No kitchen matron either, and Mrs. Calrow at end of tether. We have a good girl ready to go if the R.C.-A.F. would release her, but so far they are holding on to cooks.

CARCROSS

No teacher, and more pupils than ever before.

MOOSE FACTORY

A third teacher needed. Many pupils—even R.C.'s—if we can hold them.

We'll pay their way, fly them North—do everything in our power—if only we can get good people who will come to the rescue now!

Answers to Bible Quizz

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1. Nazareth (Luke 2: 4).
2. Bethlehem (Matt. 2: 1; Luke 2: 4-7).
3. Shepherds abiding in the fields, watching their flocks (Luke 2: 8, 9).
4. "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2: 10, 11.)
5. Lying in a manger (Luke 2: 16).
6. Simeon (Luke 2: 25-32).
7. Epiphany, January 6th (Prayer Book, page 87).
8. The Gospel story does not mention the number, but tradition makes it three, possibly because three gifts made by the Wise Men are mentioned. (Matt. 2: 11.)
9. By the star which they saw in the east. (Matt. 2: 1, 2, 9.)
10. Gold, and frankincense and myrrh. (Matt. 2: 11.)

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL
THE REV. A. M. TRENDLELL
THE REV. H. G. BRANT

Sunday, November 4th, was an important day in the history of All Saints', as it witnessed the Installation of the Dean by the Bishop of the Diocese before a crowded congregation at the evening service. The Installation Service was beautiful and impressive, and marked the first occasion of the kind within the history of the Diocese.

Following the service there was the annual choir reunion in the parish hall. As usual it was a very happy occasion, and about 150 old and present choir members enjoyed a social hour together and finished the evening by joining in singing some of their favourite anthems and numbers from the Messiah.

The annual W.A. Bazaar was held in the parish hall on Thursday, November 15th, and the excellent results are a tribute to the hard work of the ladies throughout the year. In spite of a cold day the lunch tables were crowded and a good interest was maintained throughout the afternoon. The stalls were more than ever attractive and a happy atmosphere prevailed throughout the day.

Now that the Building Fund booklet has gone out we would like to pay our tribute to all those who contributed articles and time to its publication, and special thanks are due to the work of Mr. H. Story who drew all the plans, and to Mr. Jack Housez who did so much to make the booklet as attractive as it is. Mr. A. W. Allbright has already made a beautifully finished case to hold the Plaques and we are grateful indeed to him for the time and care he gave to this work. The case is now hanging on the wall facing the main doors of the church.

The recent response to the Building Fund has been most encouraging and in the past month we have received more than \$1,000. We have now reached almost the \$5,000 mark (Nov. 16th) and before this copy of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN is out it is likely that we shall have progressed considerably beyond this figure. There are a considerable number of booklets still available, and we would be very pleased to send extra copies to any who would care to mail them to their friends.

And so as we reach the end of the year we do so with thankfulness and a feeling of very real encouragement. Our thankfulness is to God Who has blessed us so richly in the past, and to the very many friends inside and outside the congregation who have been more than kind and generous in their attitude and in their spirit of co-operation.

May God bless you all this coming Christmas, and we will rejoice with so many of you that this year you will have with you those who have returned from overseas.

CHRIST CHURCH
THE REV. E. S. OTTLEY

Sunday School: The Church's Educational Sunday was marked by the atten-

dance of the whole Sunday School and Junior Church with the regular congregation at 11 o'clock on October 21st. At that service the annual awards were made for attendance and proficiency during the past year. It is a matter for congratulation that more than 40% of our pupils, from the tiny tots of five years of age up to the oldest of them received their awards—some of them indeed for the ninth year in succession. Judging from the present attendance in the various departments of the School we can look forward to an even better showing next year.

At the annual Sunday School Rally held at All Saints' Cathedral the same afternoon our Junior Sunday School received the banner for 91% attendance as a school during the past year.

A.Y.P.A.: The A.Y.P.A. is showing evidence of real life. Their activities are diverse and indicate that the reorganization is meeting the need of our young people.

We were especially pleased to have them all at church at our Young People's Service on the evening of October 21st, in which several of our young men took part. This service was followed by a most enjoyable social hour in the parish hall.

The A.Y.P.A. intend to hold their corporate communions on the 2nd Sunday morning of the month from now on. More than twenty of them were present at the early service on November 11th, and adjourned afterwards to the parish hall for breakfast.

Y.W.C.: A most successful bazaar was held under the auspices of the Y.W.C. on October 31st. Hallowe'en decorations transformed the parish hall, and the excellent articles offered for sale showed industrious activity of the members of the club. We wish to congratulate the young women on their success and to express our appreciation of the generous support of the congregation.

Woman's Auxiliary: The annual Bazaar of the W.A. is an event to which all our Church people look forward. The Bazaar will be held this year from 3 to 6 p.m., on Friday, December 7th.

We commend this to all our church people, knowing that our congregation will give their best support.

Remembrance Service, Nov. 11th: November the 11th this year had a special significance for us all. Most of us are now aware that this war and the war with which November the 11th was first associated are really two incidents in the continued struggle of mankind towards the better world. Accordingly at our service we linked the two events together by the reading of the names of those who gave their lives in both wars, in all this meant the reading of fifty-five names, a record of which we may be proud, but also a measure of the consecration demanded of this parish for the vindication of their sacrifice.



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CANON W. M. NAINBY

During the past month we were very glad to welcome back the Rev. N. J. Godkin, recently returned from overseas, and a large congregation was present to hear him.

Canon Dixon, the General Secretary of the M.S.C.C., was also a welcome guest, making his first visit to Holy Trinity, and giving us a splendid missionary sermon.

Woman's Auxiliary: We were glad to have a talk from Mrs. Wilkinson who, with her husband, has been touring Canada for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Bazaar on November 16th proved to be one of the most successful ever, and we are delighted with our success. Our thanks to the many who attended and supported the bazaar.

The W.A. meets for corporate Communion on the third Thursday each month. We shall also hold our St. Andrew's Day service.

Choir: It is with sadness that we record the passing of our beloved presi-

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dent, Mrs. Smalian. The choir attended the funeral on November 19th. We shall miss her very much, and our love and sympathy go to her family in their bereavement.

The choir stall at the recent Bazaar was most successful and over \$100 realized. Our thanks to Mrs. Molloy and Mrs. James, and all who helped.

Parish Guild: The annual Membership Tea held at the home of Mrs. Tye was a most happy event, in spite of bad weather. The rummage sale, convened by Mrs. V. Pearson, proved most successful and amply repaid the effort. At the meeting held at Mrs. Proctor's home much interest was shown in the plans for Elizabeth House.

Young Women's Fellowship: Mrs. W. J. Melrose gave us a most interesting talk on the early days of the W.A. A miscellaneous shower for the bazaar was enjoyed at the rectory. Our Bazaar will be on Friday evening, December 7th, at 8 p.m. A corporate Communion was held on November 18th.

Mothers' Union: The November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Drake. A shower for the W.A. Bazaar brought in a number of lovely articles. Last month we completed our work for Social Service, and some very fine clothing was sent to the S.S. rooms.

Girls' Club: We held a house meeting at the home of Noreen Sharp recently and enjoyed it very much. Our Bazaar (together with the Y.W.F.) is on Dec. 7th. We would welcome any new members.

A.Y.P.A. (Senior): Our work night saw more than thirty members waxing and polishing the church, varnishing woodwork, and generally making ourselves useful. Thanks to kind friends we now have two ping-pong tables, a badminton net and a shuffleboard game. Our games' night was most enjoyable. An A.Y. communion and breakfast was held on November 18th.

A.Y.P.A. (Junior): Our club continues to grow, and we are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Gilbert as our mentors. Elections resulted as follows: Pres., James Levy; Vice-Pres., Bob Kavanagh; Sec., Evelyn Smalian; Treas., L. Skelton.

Sanctuary Guild: Members have been meeting at the home of Mrs. Casper to make artificial flowers. We are happy to report that these were sold at the W.A. Bazaar, and our receipts were most gratifying. The Sanctuary Guild would welcome gifts of flowers for the altar at any time.

ST. LUKE'S

CANON W. H. HATFIELD

Those who were able to attend all the services of the Mission held in late October under the leadership of the Rev. L. A. Bralant, of Wainwright, will understand fully the November parochial letter. Your correspondent feels that it is better to quote from it, than to write notes of the Mission. Canon Hatfield said:

"I am sure it will not be possible for us to forget the living message brought by Mr. Bralant. It was the old, old story told with conviction and it found an echo in the hearts of those who listened and worshipped. One of the boys who attended the

children's service regularly put the message in these words, 'Jesus dwells in my heart.' The missionary can rejoice in the knowledge of lives dedicated to a fuller service and hearts opened to receive the Divine Guest. We have indeed been on the mountain top with the Lord, but now we have returned to the plain, to 'the trivial round, and the common task.' Let our resolve be:

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, we go

Our daily labour to pursue,

Thee, only Thee, resolved to know,

In all we think, or speak, or do.

"There are some things we can do which would strengthen the work and witness of our Church in the community. The greatest, I think, is a more regular attendance at church by our people. Our branch of the W.A. is in need of members, and would welcome you, and we should seek out children who are not attending the Bible Classes or Sunday School. Let us endeavor with God's help to advance His work in the parish."

Remembrance Day was marked by beautiful services at which prayers were offered for those who gave their lives that we might live and that we who live may be worthy of their sacrifice.

On Sunday, December 2nd, the Junior Choir will present the Manger Service at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. This is one of the many opportunities to share our blessings with those less fortunate. The empty manger will, we hope, be overflowing with gifts from young and old, to be used later for the relief of those in need. This annual service always proved an inspiration and we look for a large congregation.

The congregational sale of work on December 5th is another event to which we look forward with pleasure. Those in charge would welcome your help and patronage.



ST. PETER'S

THE REV. R. S. FAULKS

Among new members of the congregation we note the following wee folk who have joined us by baptism:

Ralph Spencer Goodard, Lynn Joyce Want, Gerald Herbert Karran, Gay Louise Kiriakadees, Edith Margaret May Elliott, Nancy May Berry, 5; Raymond Edward Berry, 4; Bette Joan Blackwell, 6; Jane Ann Blackwell, 6.

Best wishes on the occasion of their marriage in our parish church go to Wm. David and Olive Blanche (Anderson) Breadon of Fawn Lake; Terrence G. and Andrey N. (Sutherland) Webb of Vancouver; Victor S. and Frances M. (Jukes-Morrison) Curry of St. John's College, Winnipeg; George J. and Sheila M. (Dry-

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den) Frick; Wilfrid E. and Audrey E. (Brown) Farrants of Heaton Moor; Capt. Leigh B. and Ann M. (Weldon) Brown, of the parish.

Parishioners will rejoice in the good work accomplished in the Sunday School over the past year, as well as the part played by our scholars and teachers in the larger activities in the Sunday School field.

Now that it is possible to have two evening services a month, in addition to the regular morning services, it should be a real incentive to all parents to bring the youngsters, and share with them the services of the Church. We hope shortly to see implemented the plan of our organist, Mr. Walker, of training a junior choir.

It has been given us to enjoy visits from several persons lately, and we thank them for their assistance—Mr. J. Robson, the Rev. D. J. R. Read, and the Rev. W. K. Morrison of Fort McMurray and Waterways. Mr. Morrison and his good wife visited the W.A. one afternoon and gave an interesting picture of the work they are doing in the Diocese of Athabasca, and led a lively discussion on present day needs in the missionary work of the far north.

The Ladies' Guild and host of Willing Helpers made the annual Harvest Supper an even more outstanding success than ever. Our thanks to all who contributed to the financial blessings derived therefrom. Another affair which our ladies always manage so well is the annual Bazaar, which this year is to be on the 5th of December in the parish hall, from 3 to 6 p.m. Tea will be served and patrons are assured of a variety in selection from the many stalls, among which there will be featured home cooking, candy, fancy work, towels, pillowcases, aprons and a "bran tub" for the kiddies.

An A.Y.P.A. group has been re-established in our parish, under the guiding hand of the Diocesan President, our own Grace Wilson. Remember, all young folk of the A.Y.P.A. in St. Peter's, that the first Sunday of each month at 9 a.m. is your own communion and breakfast date.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

It was a privilege to have our Bishop with us on the first anniversary of the remodeling and dedication of the parish church. It is hard to realize that a whole momentous year has passed by since we began services again in this beautiful sanctuary. It has been a glad thing to welcome home so many young men and women from the various Forces. And they, too, have found a blessing here, where we are reminded, too, of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. As one writer has pointed out, may we always remember; it is our duty not only to fight for the good, but to be on guard and fight against the evil. That thought ought to recall to every earnest churchman his own baptismal vows, and stir each one to daily dedication to more zealous service in the King's service.

The Wardens are most appreciative of the response made to the appeal for the building fund. This is gradually being whittled down, and with the continued enthusiastic support of all parishioners it

ought not to be long before the indebtedness can be disposed of, to everyone's satisfaction.

This fall Mr. E. S. Cooper began work on a Sea Scout Troop. His efforts have been successful, for on the evening of the 7th of November the proper ceremonies were held, which launched several boys on their career in this line of scouting. The Onaway Sea Scouts came in with their leader, the Rev. F. A. Peake, and were of first class assistance in the evening's ceremonies. Later on in the proceedings a "Going Up" was observed, with a number of Cubs, after proper farewells to Cubmistress Rogers and fellow Cubs, were received on the deck.

The Sunday School is going along very well again this year, under the superintendency of Mrs. Cameron and a good staff of teachers.

Little ones recently brought into the Family by baptism are: Ann Jeannette Sherriff, Thomas Andrew Graham and Richard Harry Wigglesworth.

Two very pretty weddings were solemnized lately in the parish church, FO. Malcolm McMillan (returned from overseas with the R.C.A.F.) took as his bride Elma Frances McClintock, whose bridesmaid was Miss M. McGillivray.

CSM. Andrew Mountain Hall returned home after being away for the whole period of the war, and claimed his bride, Hazel Anderson. Her matron of honour was Mrs. K. Anderson. All good wishes to these young people.

ST. MARK'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

The Junior W.A. and the Cubs held enjoyable Hallowe'en parties on their respective evenings. The girls decorated the hall for the occasion. Corporal Elliott judged the costumes at the girls' party.

The Sunday School have planned a whist drive for the latter part of November in aid of funds for the Christmas tree.

On the first Sunday in November the members of the Junior Choir took part in

the church services. They were very enthusiastic and their singing added greatly to the service. They will participate on the first and third Sundays.

The Senior Choir gladly welcome Mrs. Lewis (nee Letitia Simons) and Mr. D. Smith, both of whom have recently returned from overseas' duty. Miss Lillian Dowley has joined the choir.

Invitations are being extended to all returned men and women of the parish to attend evening service of Sunday, December 2nd, which will be followed by a social hour in the parish hall. Committees have been formed to take care of arrangements.

Members of the W.A. had a "cleaning bee", giving the church and vestries a thorough scrubbing. On December 5th the W.A. will hold their Bazaar in the parish hall.

ST. MARY'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

W.A. (Afternoon Group): This group of our W.A. is very busy planning for the Christmas bazaar and tea to be held in the parish hall on December 6th from 3 to 6 o'clock. There will also be home cooking for sale.

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W.A. (Evening Group): The Evening Group held a very successful tea and bazaar at the home of Mrs. R. C. Marshall, 6318 Jasper Avenue, on Wednesday afternoon, November 14th, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Mrs. Marshall received with the president, Mrs. C. F. Bannard. Mrs. S. Pollard poured tea during the first hour and Mrs. A. Elliott the second. From seventy-five to one hundred guests called during the afternoon. The work tables and home cooking stall proved to be a great attraction, also the display of wooden toys and lamps which the Men's Club made for the bazaar. The total clear receipts were very close to \$150.00.



ST. STEPHEN'S

CANON J. C. MATTHEWS

Sunday services: 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Sunday School: 12.15 p.m.

Weekday services at 8 a.m. on Monday, Thursday and Saturday; Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The Willing Workers' Bazaar on Nov. 7th was opened by Mrs. H. E. M. Evans who spoke to the workers and all those present in her usual kind and interesting way. Little Karon Groves was chosen to present a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Evans.

The floor of the church has been painted a tile red by the combined efforts of the young people and the Rangers. It looks very nice but now we shall have to do something to the vestry floor.

Miss Adams has been unable to play the organ during November on account of sickness, and Mrs. Swaffield has very kindly taken her place in the morning and Sister Amelia in the evening.

It seems to be impossible to obtain the services of a caretaker and we have to thank Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Scholar for keeping the church so beautifully cared for. It would be much appreciated if all the organizations using the basement would leave it clean and tidy.

It is very good indeed to see the men back from overseas. One of the latest to arrive is Pat Gregory. I hear that Hamish MacGregor and Stanley Noble may be back before long.

Mr. Paice is serving at the altar now on some Sundays in alternation with the other servers.

The Rev. Donald Reed gave us a very fine sermon on November 11th. He is working in connection with the Student Christian Movement. Our Vestry has asked for a special collection on one Sunday morning to be devoted to this most excellent cause.

The arrears of taxes on the church have now been paid off, thanks to the success of the Dime-a-Week Fund.

At St. Matthew's Mission we now have a service every Sunday for which we are indebted to the help of two of our laymen.

At St. Michael and All Angels, North Edmonton, the hall has been improved and a new fence is being placed round the property.

ST. FAITH'S THE REV. L. M. WATTS

The annual Christmas Bazaar, under the auspices of the Afternoon W.A., will be held in the parish hall on Wednesday, December 5th, at 7.30 p.m. Come, and bring your friends. From the interest shown in the bazaar shower which was held in the rectory on November 14th, this promises to be an outstanding event. Members of the W.A. wish to thank all who responded to the invitation and brought in both money and gifts.

Congratulations to our Sunday School on the winning of the banner for the best percentage attendance during the past year. The banner was presented by the Bishop at the Sunday School Rally at the Cathedral.

We have had several visitors during the past month. We are grateful for the presence and sermon of the Bishop at our Harvest Festival. Canon Dixon preached at our broadcast service on November 11th and Flt.-Lt. Murphy in the evening of November 4th, and the Rev. D. Read in the evening of November 11th. We are grateful to our visitors.

The choir has grown considerably during the past few weeks and seating capacity is taxed when all the members are present. All we need now is faithful and regular attendance at practices and services. A good boys' choir is in the making.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Currey who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on November 10th.

ST. GEORGE'S FORT SASKATCHEWAN

THE REV. W. W. BUXTON

On November 3rd the W.A. held their annual Fowl Supper in the community hall. Everyone worked with a will, both men and women, and the supper was very successful; something over \$180.00 being the gross proceeds.

The Sunday School under Mrs. Dick Mager and Miss Betty Bolten attended the Sunday School Rally at All Saints' Pro-Cathedral. Everyone enjoyed the service and it was a great day for the young people.

The parish has made a great rally and have succeeded in paying in full its share of the \$2,400 debt. The Vestry and W.A. have worked together in raising the \$800 needed.

Congratulations to the Cubs and Scouts who sold nearly \$40.00 worth of poppies for the local branch of the Canadian Legion.

The Remembrance Day Service was held jointly with the United, Roman and Reformed Churches.

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HOLY TRINITY, BON ACCORD

On November 17th the W.A. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCullough and presented them with a farewell gift. They have given long and loyal service to this parish.

This month the W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Roberts. This is an annual event in remembrance of the long years of faithful service given by the late rector and his wife.

The Vestry reports that about 25% of the money has been raised on the rectory debt. About \$600 is still needed.

The Remembrance Service was held in the church and was well attended.

EMMANUEL, GIBBONS

It was a great shock to this parish to learn of the death of Mr. W. J. C. Maccaulay. His life has been an inspiration to many of us over a period of many years. In acts of kindness and helpfulness he set a great Christian example to the whole community. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Work on the new furnace is completed. The church is a great deal more comfortable and we look forward to spring when we can finish the rest of the work needed to be done on the church.

The Vestry can report having raised half the money needed to pay off the rectory debt of \$800. Nearly \$400 is still needed to clear the books.

Remembrance Day was celebrated by a joint service in the community hall.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, RIFE

The annual meeting of the W.A. of Rife was held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Hill on Saturday, October 20th, there were 13 members and one visitor present. It was decided to donate the sum of \$5 to the Sisters of St. John the Divine. The treasurer announced the proceeds of the "Imaginary Pic-nic" which amounted to approximately \$38. The money boxes were opened and then the election of officers took place, which were as follows: Mrs. T. Charlton, Pres.; Mrs. E. Ross, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. D. Charlton, Secretary; Mrs. M. M. Destrupe, Treas.; Mrs. Ray White, E.C.D. Sec.; Mrs. Wilf. Hillman, U.T.O. Sec. Reader, Mrs. D. Smith. The next meeting will be held on the second Saturday in November at Mrs. W. J. Chester's, of Bonnyville.

The W.A. have changed the date of their regular meeting from the third

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A congregation of forty-seven gathered in St. John the Baptist on Sunday, Oct. 21st, to rejoice in the service of Harvest Thanksgiving. The church was appropriately decorated with the fruits of harvest. The Rev. D. Read reminded us that gratitude is the only perfect thing that we can freely offer to God. In our district we have much to be grateful for. There were twenty communicants and a number of our members from Glendon and Bonneyville were able to be with us on that bright autumn Sunday.

Baptism: Sandra Eileen Tuck.

We are glad to welcome home Pte. Thomas Charlton of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. He has been in Italy and on the continent during the last four years.

The cemetery board consists of Mr. M. Destrube, Mr. R. White, Mr. H. Richardson.

It was decided to begin the Envelope System and Mr. D. Smith was appointed as Envelope Secretary.

The W.A. reports net proceeds of \$75 from the year's activities.

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We are grateful to Mr. D. A. Greenough of St. Paul's United Church, Cold Lake, for the two services he so kindly took in our church in August and September, when otherwise there would have been no services at all.

Our Church Family would wish to extend a hearty "Welcome Home" to all the boys who have returned to our district from the armed forces, especially Lambert Lonsdale, E. H. MacKenzie, H. J. Staley, G. C. Walker and R. Brown.

As mentioned previously, Mr. George Garden is in charge of arrangements to erect a Memorial to all those who made the Supreme Sacrifice, and all those who volunteered for our armed forces from our district. Just what form this Memorial is to take has not yet been decided, and Mr. Garden would like to hear from all who are interested, with suggestions.

Advent services will commence in the church at Grande Centre on Sunday, December 2nd, at 3 p.m., and will be held also on December 9th and 16th at 3 p.m.

Christmas services will be held in the church on Wednesday, December 19th, commencing at 11 a.m., with Holy Communion. The Bishop of Edmonton will conduct all the services on that day.

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CANON W. DE V. A. HUNT

The W.A. catered to a Masonic evening, which meant a considerable amount of work for some of the members. Preparations have been made for the winter sale at the middle of November.

Sunday, 21st October, baptism of Ruth Rosemary Ashwell, of Wolf Creek.

Two baptisms by Canon J. C. Matthews during the summer were omitted earlier. They were: Arnold George Simmons, McLeod Valley; and Shirley Ann Millis, Hinton.

PEMBINA DEANERY

Soon we shall be wishing one another a "Happy Christmas." Happy for the children—yes; but what about the older ones who realize the bleakness of this post-war world? There can be happiness for them too—for all of us if we are prepared to receive our Lord Jesus Christ joyfully as our Redeemer and to make Him our example. He knew what it feels like to live in a bleak world surrounded by enemies seeking His life; yet He didn't waste time in fearful brooding, or complaining or despairing. He went about doing good, bring life and health and happiness to great numbers. Yes, even on the Cross, in the agony of death, He brought to one who hung beside Him the greatest happiness man can experience—the knowledge of salvation. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He wants us to follow His example and go about doing good. Then this and every Christmas can be a very happy one.

ST. PAUL'S, EVANSBURG

The congregation of St. Paul's Church has suffered a serious loss in the departure for Vermilion of Mrs. Smith, with her daughter, Mrs. Couves and her three small grandsons. Mrs. Smith was one of the pioneer members of the congregation, and Mrs. Couves has for years played the organ in church. We wish them much happiness in their new home, where they have been joined by Mr. Couves, who until recently was serving with the R.C.A.F.

ST. MATTHEW'S, WOLF CREEK

Holy baptism, on October 21st, Ruth Rosemary Ashwell.

ST. MARY'S AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

THE REV. T. C. B. BOON

The outstanding services in October were those of Children's Day and Youth Sunday, on the 21st. It is a pleasure to be able to say that quite a number of the members of the congregation followed the idea of it being a "family day", and it was very encouraging to see a whole family occupying a pew. At the evening service the Second Lesson was read by Tom Peterson. At the close of the evening service there was a corporate Communion for the Evening Branch of the W.A.

The Sunday School is much larger this year and has an average attendance of over 50. The Senior School has been

organized into five classes which are working on the Uniform School Programme of the G.B.R.E. The activity of this work seems to be very popular with the children, and we consequently expect to get good results.

The appeal on behalf of Orphan Missions produced \$11.17, which was considerably better than last year.

Senior W.A. meetings were better attended in October, and there has been a noticeable increase in activity due to the approach of the sale of work in December; in fact, there is little doubt that the members are now working overtime.

The Evening Branch W.A. has employed itself very steadily with Dorcas work. A ten-minute talk on Church Architecture and Church Furnishings is being given by the Vicar at each meeting.

The Juniors now number 17 and are busy with knitting and studying for their badges. The girls are also taking their Mission Study Course on Africa.

The Little Helpers' Annual Rally and Party was held on October 30th. There was a splendid turnout of both mothers and children. The Vicar took a short service, during which the children presented their Mite Boxes; their gifts amounted to \$10.65. Congratulations, this was more than twice as much as last year.

The Cubmaster, Mr. Adam Martin, gave a Hallowe'en party to the boys on October 30th.

The annual canvass on behalf of the Bible Society was much more successful in Jasper this year. \$158.96 was donated.

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Mr. J. B. Snape, who has acted as local secretary-treasurer for quite a number of years, will find this very encouraging. St. Mary's was responsible for the canvassing in the south half of the town, and we should like to thank, first of all, Buddy Kemp, Ross Recknagle and Bobby Thate, three of our Cubs, who valiantly distributed Bible Society literature for a whole Saturday morning; secondly, to our collectors, Mrs. Geo. Prowse, Mrs. Geo. Pugh, Mrs. C. F. Spencer, Mrs. W. Wachter, Mrs. R. D. Riley, Mrs. Jas. Ward, Mrs. E. Williams and Miss Francis Cuthbert

ONOWAY

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

We were very glad to have a visit from the Bishop at the beginning of the month. Dr. Barfoot arrived in Onoway on Saturday evening and inspected the work which is being carried out on the vicarage, expressing himself as highly delighted with the result.

On Sunday morning the Bishop preached the sermon at the Harvest Festival service, for which the church was packed to the doors, many people sitting in the porch. After the service he inspected a patrol of the 1st Onoway Sea Scout Troop, complimenting its members on their smart appearance.

Junior Organizations: Most of our Junior organizations are well under way once more. The Sea Scouts are now meeting in the community hall, by kind permission of the Community Association. The S.M. and Mr. Read, student assistant during the summer, have gained Part I of the Wood Badge, while the A.S.M. expects to do so shortly.

The Junior W.A. have recommenced meetings in the parish hall, under their leader, Miss M. E. Turnbull. For the older girls, Mrs. A. Salter is organizing a Girls' Club which it is expected will meet on alternate Saturdays.

The Sunday School and Wolf Cub Pack, which were Miss Peggy Dixon's especial concern, are both in a state of suspended animation. However, the Sunday School is shortly to begin anew, under the guidance of Mrs. Peake, assisted by Miss Phyllis Taylor, but as yet no one has been found for the Wolf Cubs.

Burial: Margaret Lorraine Dixon, October 31st. R.I.P.

Holy Baptism: October 14th, Albert Edward Vaughan; October 28th, Judith Angelina Christina Lutz.

THE WABAMUN MISSION

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

The Mission was honoured on October 14th by a welcome visit from the Bishop of the Diocese. Equally welcome was the Bishop's hope that by next summer it would be possible to appoint a resident priest once again.

The Bishop first proceeded to Rexboro, accompanied by Fr. Peake, where St. Aidan's Church had been decorated for the Harvest Festival service by members of the congregation. Special mention must be made of the flowers which Mrs. Margerison so carefully nursed through the cold weather to have them for this service.

Members of the congregation were able to renew acquaintance with the Bishop at a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Smith.

The Bishop also preached at Festal Evensong in St. Matthew's Church, Duffield, where, as usual, the singing was excellent. A goodly number attended, some few being kept at home by impassable roads.

An informal reception was held after the service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Tyrrell.

ST. JOHN'S, CADOMIN

THE REV. T. W. TEAPE

The October meeting of St. John's W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Coppinger on October 10th. We were pleased to welcome to this meeting Mrs. Tackaberry, Diocesan President, and Mrs. Miller of St. Faith's W.A., Edmonton. We also had as guests four ladies from the Luscar W.A.

Mrs. Tackaberry spoke briefly on the Dorcas work, and also gave us a word picture of those whom she has the privilege of calling "friends." Mrs. Miller had with her quite a lot of interesting literature from the Educational Department.

Over the weekend of October 19th the parish welcomed, for a brief visit, S-L. the

Rev. N. J. Godkin. Mr. Godkin took the Sunday evening service at Cadomin, and this with an afternoon service at Mountain Park and a visit to Luscar, made the few days he spent with us very busy ones for him.

The November meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Johnson on November 7th. Plans were made for the bazaar which is to be held December 1st.

A meeting to price the goods for the bazaar will be held at Mrs. Rice's home on November 28th. The next regular meeting of the W.A. will be held at the home of Lillian Docherty on Dec. 5th.

LUSCAR

The October meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Gonyea, with 13 members present. Plans for the forthcoming sale of work and tea were discussed.

The Rev. T. W. Teape held a confirmation class at the home of Mrs. Cowling. There were six candidates.

We are pleased to see the young people take such an interest in the church and W.A.

Rural Deanery of Vermilion

ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

VEN. W. LEVERSEDGE

We were privileged to have a visit from Canon L. A. Dixon, and Dr. Scott of Indore, India, on Friday, November 9th, in connection with the Centenary Programme.

W.A. Notes: On October 24th the W.A. held a tea in honour of Mrs. K. Lambert at the home of Mrs. H. Reid. Mrs. Lambert has been a very active member of the W.A. She was secretary, and also Little Helpers' secretary for six years. She devoted a great deal of time to the latter, and built up this branch of the W.A. here from a very small beginning to a very flourishing organization; it now has 22 members. Her departure to the Coast is greatly regretted.

The W.A. bazaar will be held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday, December 1st.

We are glad to welcome two new members, Mrs. Leversedge and Mrs. A. V. Smith.

CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

THE REV. S. J. BELL

A social evening was held in the Orange Hall on Tuesday, November 20th. This was to welcome home the men and women of the parish who had been in the armed forces.

The programme was in charge of the Young People's group. The following took part: Mrs. J. Fortin, Mrs. E. Hubbard, Miss Patsy Jones, Mr. J. L. Johnstone, Mr. R. B. Bennett, Lynn Croft, Joanie Hubbard, Audrey Hughes, Norma McLuckie, Anne Sunderland. Accompanists were: Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. J. Johnstone, Mrs. McLuckie. R. B. Bennett led the gathering in community singing. Mr. A. E. Williams was chairman. The W.A. served lunch.

The W.A. annual tea and sale of work is being held Saturday, December 1st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mercer. The last month's meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Scoggins.

The branch was represented at the afternoon meeting in Vermilion, Nov. 9th, the occasion of Canon Dixon's visit, by Mrs. Elwood, Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Sleet.

An amateur hour is planned for December 7th, sponsored by the Young People, to help with the building of the hall.

Burials: November 5th, from Christ Church to Mannville cemetery, Mr. Joseph Milligan, who passed away at the coast. November 8th, service (Anglican) was conducted in Minburn United Church for Mrs. Sarah Baldwin, who passed away in Edmonton. Interment was in Minburn cemetery.

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ST. HELEN'S, STELLARVILLE

The Bishop is to visit Stellarville on the afternoon of November 25th. We are hoping weather and roads will be favourable. We are glad to see LAC. Tommy Machin home from overseas, and LAC. Andrew Machin from the East Coast.

ST. MARY'S, VEGREVILLE

The Bishop will visit Vegreville Sunday, November 25th. We have had the gas for heating installed in the church. The choir is progressing very well. Sunday School is now being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Duholde. Mrs. Geo. Warren is helping with the teaching. Mrs. Warren is also the new Little Helpers' secretary, succeeding the late Mrs. Fordham.

The Vicar took part in the Remembrance Day service held in Vimy Theatre.

St. Andrew's Day will be observed by the W.A., by a service in the afternoon.

INNISFREE

THE REV. S. J. BELL

We had the pleasure of a visit from the Rev. S. J. and Mrs. Bell at our last W.A. meeting. We wish they could be with us oftener. The committees were appointed for the bazaar, which will be held on December 8th.

The Junior W.A. started their winter activities at the beginning of the month, with eight members. The following are the officers: Pres., Gwen Fisher; Sec., Muriel Myhre; Treas., Stella Reeves.

WILBERFORCE

THE REV. S. J. BELL

The church was well filled for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on October 14th, and was very nicely decorated for the occasion.

On October 23rd was held a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. C. Frost, two of our younger church members, who are leaving here to make their home in Edmonton.

We are happy to hear that Mrs. Earl Kelly (our church organist) is now recovering from her serious illness and we offer congratulations on the birth of her twin sons.

Wedding: George B. Leach and Doris Hardman.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

On October 25th Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coulter had their two children christened, Elizabeth Maureen and Bonnie Heather Gail. Mrs. Norman and Miss Ruby Coulter, sisters of the mother and father, were the Godparents of Elizabeth Maureen and Bonnie Heather Gail. Two distinct honors befell these little children. They were the first to use our new christening font, memorial to the late David Cotter, and the water used in baptism was from Devonshire, England, the birthplace of their paternal grandmother. The water was brought all the way from Devonshire by LAC. Brandrick, formerly of Chailey, now of Edmonton.

The Club met at the home of Mrs. W. Hollyoake, with sixteen present. The Christmas cards were duly distributed. The secretary was instructed to send for a curtain for the vestry door.

CLANDONALD

THE REV. W. J. BRANT

On the 21st of October Children's Day and Youth Sunday was observed in this church, when the service was taken by the children of the Sunday School. The Lessons were read by two of the senior scholars, Doris Stockwell and Kenneth Geake. The service can best be explained when we call it "The Family Service."

The Sunday School teachers who are now leading the scholars are Mrs. E. Geake, Mrs. H. Goddard, Mrs. Ross. Mrs. W. Brant will be taking the senior scholars.

IRWINVILLE, HOLY TRINITY

Baptism: Ann Christian Kneen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kneen.

Marriage: Marion Ellen McLachlan to John Finlay McKnight, at Holy Trinity Church, on October 31st.

The young couple were well known in the district and highly respected as was shown by the attendance at the ceremony. A reception was held afterwards at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kent officiated at the organ. The Vicar officiated.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

WAINWRIGHT

THE REV. L. A. BRALANT

The Harvest Services this year were the best attended in years. A spirit of real thanksgiving not only for the "harvest once again," but for peace also, marked the service.

It was disappointing that so few people joined in worshiping with the children on "Children's Day." We were glad so many parents came, however. Ruth Armishaw recited the lesson from Ephesians 6, and the children sang the hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus."

The W.A. assisted by other friends did a splendid piece of work in organizing a congregational supper at the end of October. It was in the nature of an all Hallowe'en event, and the large gathering of our people testified to its popularity.

The Sunday evening "fireside hour" has started and has proved a happy innovation. We would like to see more of our people staying to this, and from time to time the programme may be varied.

We regret to record the death of one of our younger members on October 18th, LAW. Betty Shaw, of the R.C.A.F. (WD), died after a long illness in Toronto. Military honours were accorded her at the funeral, at which the Rector was assisted by Flt.-Lt. Murphy of the R.C.A.F. in Edmonton.

Christmas Communion will be celebrated in St. Thomas' Church at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Holy Baptism: October 7th, Florence Emily Goddard.

Holy Matrimony: November 16th, Robert William Allun Roberts and Helene Marguerite Boyd.

ST. MARY'S, IRMA

A milestone in the history of our church in Irma was passed when the new

LANDONVILLE

Church of Mary Magdalene

Baptisms: Jessie Carrie Etherington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Etherington; Russell Harvey Kada, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kada; Janet Helen Lovell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lovell.

Many of our people have gone to spend the winter in British Columbia from this district, and the congregation has been very much depleted, so we are hoping for the return of spring when we hope to see them return to their farms and to their own church.

KITSCOTY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was held on the first Sunday of November. The roads being very bad, not so many people were in attendance as we expected.

BLACKFOOT

The service here was very good, the church being full to capacity.

GOLDEN VALLEY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was held.

porch was officially dedicated on October 29th. Bishop Barfoot performed the dedication ceremony in an evening service. His message and call for the dedication of all life to God was inspiring. The Bishop reminded us that God is pleased with the works of men's hands, and the porch added dignity to the church as well as being useful would be pleasing to our Maker. Once again we thank all who have had a part in this piece of work. A very happy gathering of members and friends was held after the service, and the speeches, quite impromptu, lacked nothing in wit or wisdom. The Rev. Mr. Ingles of the Irma United Church was present and encouraged us with his timely words concerning Christian fellowship.

Holy Matrimony: October 27th, Kilion Goodwin and Gwendoline Constance Inkin.

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ST. MARGARET'S, BATTLE RIVER

The Harvest Service had to be postponed until the end of October. Although the scene outside the school was one of winter snow and cold, the service lacked nothing in enthusiasm and inspiration. As usual, the school was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

It has been decided to hold services in the homes during the winter months, as the school is too dark and cold at this period of the year. This move has proved a happy one in the past, and we hope all our members will endeavour to come as regularly as possible.

JARROW

During the late summer the Rural Dean visited in this area. It is encouraging to learn that many of our Anglican families listen-in to the Sunday broadcast services. We hope that they will continue to do so until regular ministrations are established in the area again.

ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON

On Sunday, 7th of October, the Rev. V. P. Cole conducted a special service for the Junior W.A. and Girls' Groups. This service was most impressive, and all the girls in their colorful uniforms appeared to be paying strict attention to every word uttered by Mr. Cole in his eloquent address. At the conclusion of the service he presented the J.W.A. with the Diocesan Banner for outstanding work during the past year. The girls and their leader are very naturally proud of their achievements, as it is a distinct honour to win this coveted award for two years in succession. The girls are going to exert every effort this year in the hope that they may be able to retain the Banner still longer. Mr. Cole, also presented Badges for Churchmanship and it was gratifying to hear the exceptionally high marks which had been won by the girls.

Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday, the 21st of October, with a very good congregation at Evensong, but a small one in the morning at Holy Communion.

On Saturday, October 27th, the annual W.A. Bazaar and sale of home cooking was held in the church basement. Inclement weather prevailed that day, but all concerned were very happy that they were able to dispose of everything. The J.W.A. also had a stall of their own handiwork, and their efforts realized a satisfactory sum.

An omission was made last month, when we failed to thank the J.W.A. and Girls' groups for a handsome donation of forty new Prayer Books, an equal number of Hymn Books, also a new music book, for the organ. We can assure the girls that their gift is greatly appreciated by the entire congregation.

ST. PATRICK'S, HEATH

Regular services are being held twice monthly. Sunday School classes have been changed to follow the service so that the Rev. V. Cole may be there to conduct a Bible class for the older boys and girls.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on October 21st. Owing to the heavy frost there was not the usual display of

garden produce, but the church looked very nice with grain, fruit and flowers.

We extend a welcome to Mrs. Dahl, who has come as an English war bride to make her home in this district.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

Services: The Rev. V. Cole came on October 14th at 11 a.m. for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, with Holy Communion. The Sunday School scholars attended for part of the service. It was a bright and happy service. As usual the W.A. had decorated the church.

The Bishop came for morning service on October 28th. Despite the sudden change in weather over the weekend there was a good attendance, augmented by the Sunday School scholars. The Bishop's message was appropriate and inspiring, and it is perhaps fitting at this time to extend our sincere appreciation to him as well as to the Rev. V. Cole and Ven. S. F. Tackaberry, who travel many miles with varying degrees of temperature and uncertain conditions of highways.

On November 11th at 11 a.m. the Rev. V. Cole came to us for the service of Holy

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

CAMROSE

Our Bazaar is now a thing of the past. We were well satisfied with results, and wish to thank all who helped to make it a success.

The A.Y.P.A. are now definitely organized. "We needs must love the highest when we see it," and we wish these young people the very best that companionship has to offer in the quest. Their officers are: Pres., Audrey Bradley; Vice-Pres., Eric Ness; Sec., Haidie Richardson; Treas., Dorothy McNary.

IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

Youth Sunday, October 21st, saw a perfect attendance at early Communion of the sixteen members of our A.Y.P.A. Breakfast at the rectory followed. At Evensong the newly elected officers were installed.

The Women's Auxiliary are grateful to the congregation and other friends who so generously supported the Harvest tea, when over fifty-five dollars was realized. Preparations are being made for the annual bazaar which will take place on December 1st. The Evening Group of the W.A. will have a table of work and cooking there too.

Under the direction of Mrs. Crook of the Evening Group, twelve Little Helpers and their mothers were entertained Nov. 10th in the parish hall, when mite boxes were presented to the Rector, over nine dollars being received.

Canon Dixon addressed a meeting of both W.A. branches at the home of Mrs. H. J. Montgomery on November 7th.

Baptism: Caryl Lynne Malmo.

Weddings: October 3rd, Eleanor Pierce, Halifax, and PO. William Manley Barnett, Wetaskiwin.

October 11th, Katherine Schatz and Leonard Walter Bucknell, both of Falun.

Communion, with the usual congregation in attendance. The Sunday School scholars were also present for part of the service.

Many of us also attended the annual Remembrance Day Service which was held in the Variety Theatre on Nov. 11th at 2.30 p.m., after various groups had paraded to the Cenotaph to deposit wreaths.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. G. Holmes on November 1st, with eight members present. Some useful and pretty articles were handed in at the meeting, with promises of more at the next meeting. The devotional and Study Book period was followed by business. We regretted, due to illness, the absence of Mrs. A. E. Allan, a faithful member, and remembered her with flowers.

Please keep the bazaar date in mind!—It is Saturday, December 1st, and will be held in the Curling Rink from 2 p.m. onwards. Donations of home cooking, chickens, eggs, etc., will be appreciated.

The Bible Society canvassers Mrs. W. C. Swift and Mrs. J. W. Robinson reported an increase and wish to thank all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

Pte. William Edward Bell-Bathgate and Stella Chysowski, both of Wetaskiwin.

Burial: October 25th, Mrs. Garnett Samis, Pendryl.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

THE REV. W. ELKIN

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Gordon for their October meeting, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Justin were hostesses.

The Vestry held a special meeting to discuss plans for a rectory. Members were appointed to help the rectory committee in the canvassing for funds, either to build or buy a house suitable for parish purposes.

SEDGEWICK—HARDISTY

THE REV. F. BAKER

SEDGEWICK

Sedgewick: The Little Helpers' Rally was a great success, and fourteen of its nineteen members on the roll attended. After a short service in church the members and their mothers gathered for tea in the rectory.

The early change in the weather has slowed up work on our parish hall considerably, but we are hoping for just a few nice days so that we may finish the outside work.

Baptisms: St. John's, Sedgewick—Norman Allan Bradley, Douglas, Albert Swainson.

Baptism: St. George's, Killam, Shirley Ann Noblett (a visitor from California).

Burial: St. Mark's, Hardisty, Mrs. Marian Annie Crocker.

Hardisty: The W.A. bazaar is to be held on November 17th and all members are working hard. Miss Joyce Young, for many months our organist, has gone to Edmonton, and Miss Jean Chohey has taken her place.



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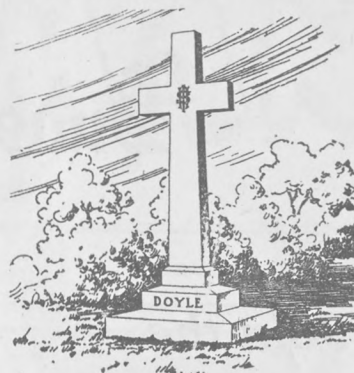
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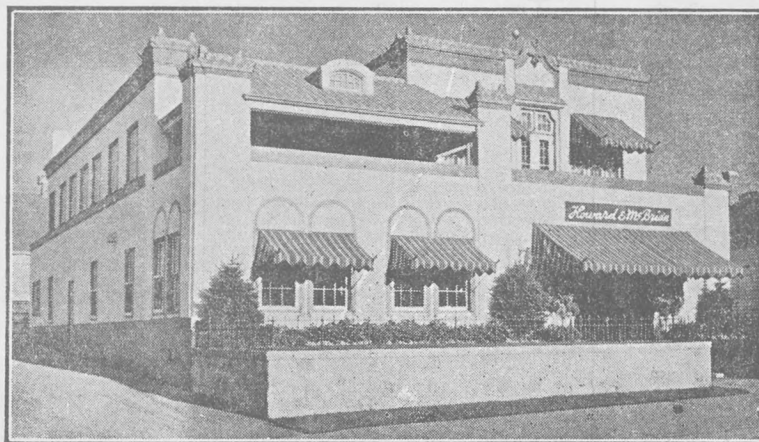
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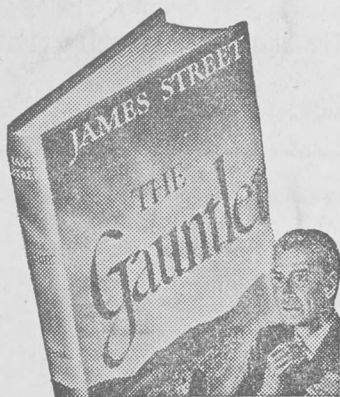
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